

ORDER NO. 1628

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Express Mail & Priority Mail Contract 8 (MC2009-33)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2009-44

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued January 22, 2013)

A temporary extension of the negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire January 27, 2013.¹ The Postal Service requests that the Commission grant an extension through February 15, 2013, which would allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect until a new agreement can be put into effect.

The Postal Service represents that it has received a successor contract signed by both parties, which it intends to file with the Commission on January 22, 2013. *Id.* at 1. The Postal Service asserts that delay in the transmission of the signed successor

¹ See Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, January 18, 2013 (Motion).

contract prevented the Postal Service from filing the successor contract with the Commission 15 days prior to the expiration of the Existing Agreement. *Id.* To avoid interruption to the customer's access to negotiated rates, the Postal Service requests that the terms and conditions of the Existing Agreement be extended through February 15, 2013. *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through February 15, 2013. Allowing the Existing Agreement to remain in effect temporarily is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed January 18, 2013, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement is authorized to continue through February 15, 2013.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary